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MAY 2017

FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

We have been busy! The Program Committee of the Greenwich League organized several well-attended events during this year. After two candidate debates that drew an overcapacity crowd and a well-attended Holiday Party, we kicked off the new year on January 22 with a Cocktails and Conversation meeting at Innis Arden Golf Club featuring Senator Chris Murphy that drew over 80 people. Please read about all of our past programs in the Program report on page two, and mark your calendars for our May 16 event on Fake News/

Alternative Facts, currently being organized by the Program team.

On January 31, we reported a membership of 342 to state and national chapters, a net increase of 19 members. We thank the wonderful membership co-chairs of Rita Baker and Barbara O’Shea for their efforts. The invitation list for the new member party included 46 members who have joined since June of 2016.

The RTM study committee presented the 14 recommendations approved by the membership last spring to the RTM

Legislative and Rules Committee in March. After a lively discussion, the committee chair recommended that the League produce a survey to rank the level of support/objections of RTM members to these recommendations. The survey will be sent to RTM members May.

A review committee, chaired by Diane Fox and Mary Ellen LeBien, has expanded the wording of the Affordable Housing position, which will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting (see page 4.)

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nancy Duffy and MaryAnn Henry, is presenting a full slate of nominees, and the Steering Committee thanks them for their efforts. During the past year, we have welcomed to the board a Development Director, Michele Kinner.

The Steering Committee is well aware of the behind-the-scenes efforts of our webmaster and creator of our Constant Contact communications, Elise Hingson; our *Voter* Editor and graphic designer Marla Laney; as well as the post card committee composed of Joan Faust and Madeleine deVries.

We look forward to another banner year in 2017-18 and will encourage all members to participate in our programs, provide suggestions for activities, help organize these and generally become as active as possible to make the League an even better organization.

Caroline Adkins, Jara Burnett, and Liz van Caloen

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREENWICH ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB
102 CLUB ROAD • RIVERSIDE, CT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. JULIE VARUGHESE
MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF AMERICARES

*“Promoting the Health of Vulnerable People
Around the World and at Home in Connecticut”*

PRESENTATION OF THE MARY AWARD
TO CAROLINE ADKINS

5:30 – ANNUAL MEETING
6:30 – RECEPTION (CASH BAR)
7:30 – DINNER AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION IN THE MAIL!

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2016-17 PROGRAMS

The Program team, under the able leadership of Julie Faryniarz and Jill Oberlander, has worked extremely hard to provide interesting and informative programs all year.

January 22: Cocktails and Conversation with Senator Chris Murphy at Innis Arden Golf Club. We had an overflow crowd of members and guests. The Senator described the recent changes in Congress and the need for cooperation in order to deal with the critical issues awaiting resolution. He graciously answered numerous questions from the audience for over 45 minutes.

February 7: We co-sponsored a screening of the provocative movie *Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age* with the Greenwich Alliance for Education, Greenwich Public Schools and the Greenwich High School Student Activities. Over 400 attended the screening at the GHS Performing Arts Center. Following the movie, there was a panel discussion to offer local perspective on the topic, which included a GHS junior. She echoed the movie's sentiments that technology makes her life as a student much easier but that it presents a lot of distractions.

February 22: The first in the upcoming series of **Brown Bag Lunches** featuring town departments. **Katie de Luca of Planning and Zoning** explained the role of her department to more than 30 members.

March 29: Our second **Brown Bag Lunch** featuring the **Commission on Aging** was also well attended. Lori Contadino, Director, Town of Greenwich Commission on Aging, and Patricia Burns of the Greenwich Senior Center gave a terrific overview of all the wonderful work they are doing and discussed planning for the future for aging Greenwich citizens.

March 29: A New Member Meeting (44 new members joined our ranks this year!) was attended by about 30 members. A brief description of the League and its functions was presented, as well as opportunities for new member participation.

April 4: A panel discussion, **"Should Connecticut Join the National Popular Vote Compact,"** was presented at the Greenwich Library and co-sponsored by Common Cause of CT, CTVoters Count.org, the Greenwich Library, and National Popular Vote CT. Victoria Bassetti of the Brennan Center moderated a panel of two pro and two con speakers. Deirdre Kamlani and her committee worked hard to present a balanced and informative program on this important topic. Local high schools were invited to send students to this program.

April 30: A training program: **"How to be an Effective Citizen-Advocate"** at Greenwich Town Hall, featured Judy Blei, the LWVCT lobbyist and legislative monitor, and her team. This program included role playing and other important pointers to increase the effectiveness of lobbying efforts. Two legislators were also present.

May 16: Fake News/Alternative Facts will include Gretchen Carlson, television journalist and female empowerment advocate, Amy Davidson, Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*, and Lizzie O'Leary, Host, *Marketplace Weekend*. The moderator will be Lynn Oberlander, General Counsel, Gizmodo Media Group.



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. It was founded in 1920 as an outgrowth of the 72 year struggle to win voting rights for women.



CAROLINE ADKINS TO RECEIVE MARY AWARD

The League of Women Voters of Greenwich is pleased to announce that the prestigious Mary Award will be presented this year to Caroline Adkins in recognition of her 30-year membership and her many years of service to the Greenwich League. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting on June 7 at the Riverside Yacht Club.

Caroline is a psychologist with a doctoral degree from Columbia University and is a professor-emeritus from Hunter College. Caroline is the co-author of a career-counseling and employment skills program used all over the country. She has also conducted many educational programs and workshops for community groups.

From 2002 to 2007, Caroline was a member of the Public Health Committee for the LWVG and a member of the Executive Committee of the League, continuing as a member of the Steering Committee from 2013 to present. As the Secretary to the Steering Committee and the board, she has been responsible for setting policy, making program decisions, setting goals, overseeing communications with the board and community as well as developing and implementing formal studies of relevant community and political issues. She continues to serve at the state level as the Mental Health Specialist, advocating for mental health legislation.

Just as importantly, Caroline has been the steady voice of common sense and decorum on the board, always finding the appropriate words to communicate a difficult decision with infinite grace and aplomb. She will continue her service as Secretary of the LWVG board, for which we are grateful.

In addition to her League role, Caroline has served as member of the Public Policy Committee of the YWCA, board member and Secretary of the Greenwich Adult and Continuing Education and board member of the Round Hill Community Church. Currently, she is the Vice President of the Institute for Life Coping Skills.

The Mary Award is named for Mary Lou Woods and Mary Sullivan, two long-time members of the League who were highly visible in their work for the League and the community. We are proud to add Caroline to the list of distinguished prior recipients of the Award.

ANNUAL MEETING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held this year on June 7 at the Riverside Yacht Club. Look for your invitation soon!



We are delighted to announce that our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Julie Varughese, Medical Director of AmeriCares.**

Dr. Varughese is responsible for

increasing access to quality medicine for low-income patients in more than 90 countries. She shapes health programs to enhance patient care, provides medical oversight and reviews offers of donated products from over 200 pharmaceutical and medical supply companies, ensuring the contributed items are used safely and effectively by AmeriCares' health care partners around the globe. Dr. Varughese also oversees AmeriCares' Medical Outreach program, which supplies medical products to U.S.-based health care professionals traveling overseas to provide primary care services and surgeries for patients in desperate need.

The world's leading nonprofit provider of donated medicines and supplies, AmeriCares delivers more than \$600 million in quality medical products annually for patients in need. Since joining AmeriCares in 2015, Dr. Varughese has traveled with the organization to Cambodia, El Salvador, Haiti, India and Tanzania.

Board certified in infectious disease, internal medicine and pediatrics, Dr. Varughese earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Knox College in Galesburg, IL, and a medical degree from Rush University in Chicago, IL, where she completed her residency training. She also completed an infectious disease fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, NY.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Rita Baker
Phyllis Behlen
Leslie Beran
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Steven Bruce
Carol Bull
Haggar Chemali
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Anne-Marie Cunniff-Hesser
Aya DeSimone
Alice Divincenzo
Pamela Ferraro
Abigail Collier Floe
Frosty Friedman
Ernest Garthwaite
Swan Grant
Louisa Greene
Laura Hull
Lloyd Hull
Carol James
Lisa Jamison
Robert Luce
Toby Marxuach-Gusciora
Alison McGuire
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Amy Mooney
John and Wendy Morrison
Barbara Ohl
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Jacqueline Preiss
Monica Prihoda
Jeff and Nancy Ramer
Gloria Rella
Winston Robinson
Margaret Simon
Nancy Stanek
Linda Sugzda
Joan Thakor
Lucy von Brachel
Carolyn Westerberg
Heather Worth

PROPOSED REWORDING OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING POSITION

At the 2016 Program Planning meeting of the League of Women Voters of Greenwich, members proposed a review of the Affordable Housing position. A committee co-chaired by Diane Fox and Mary Ellen LeBien is pleased to propose the re-wording of the current position:

Proposed League of Women Voters Greenwich Affordable Housing Position

Greenwich has long been home to people from many different backgrounds and walks of life. In order to retain this historically diverse population, the Town should encourage mixed-income housing wherever possible and make town-owned land available for affordable housing where appropriate. The League believes that our community is best served when a variety of residential types and densities are available and when there are housing opportunities for people of low and moderate incomes.

Definition of Types of Housing

There are many different types of housing that function outside pure market fundamentals. Each type of housing can be used to pursue public policy objectives, but all function differently from construction to sales and rentals and must be addressed separately.

Market Rate Housing – is comprised of various price levels and types such as detached single-family, attached single-family, two-family and multi-family developments. Market rate housing is found in all areas of Greenwich and is not supported by any governmental subsidy.

Subsidized Housing – is rental housing where the tenants need direct personal subsidies to pay their rent, regardless of what that rent might be, and/or live in government supported housing.

Affordable Housing – is housing where tenants/owners receive no governmental financial support whatsoever to pay their rent or mortgage, but a developer/owner has voluntarily agreed to limit rents or sales prices to an amount which is widely affordable based on the median income of the State. Greenwich has various types of affordable housing.

According to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 8-30g, affordable housing refers to deed-restricted dwelling units where persons and/or families pay 30 percent or less of their annual income and where such income is less than or equal to 80 percent of the State median income or area median income, whichever is lower.

Moderate Income Housing – is defined in the Greenwich Building Zone Regulations (BZR) Section 6-110 as housing for individuals or families whose aggregate income of all family members from any source whatsoever at the time of certification averaged for the preceding two years shall not exceed the median annual Town-paid wage of all full time employees and teachers during the preceding fiscal year. There is no financial subsidy for these units. Several developments have been built in Greenwich utilizing this regulation which allows for bonus density of units.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

POSITION *continued*

Senior Elderly Housing- is defined in Greenwich Building Zone Regulations Section 6-35 and follows the State Statutes Section 8-113a. There are many senior elderly housing developments in Town. Examples of these types of housing will be available on the website.

The League supports the following Action Strategies:

- Protect and Increase Subsidized Housing
- Increase Affordable Housing Where Appropriate
- Encourage Moderate-Income Housing
- Provide for Senior Housing Needs

Proposed Program Position Changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting

In advance of the Annual Meeting, we would like to inform you of the following proposed affirmations and amendments to our Program Positions which were presented to the Members at the Program Planning Meeting and approved by that group:

Active Positions:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

RTM

WATER: LONG ISLAND SOUND AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND PROTECTION

Please see the preceding page for proposed new wording of the Affordable Housing Position

If you have any questions, please contact Jara Burnett at 203-637-9244 or cdb299@aol.com

June 7, 2017 - ANNUAL MEETING OF LWVG AND LWVGEF

I authorize the Secretary of the Board to cast my vote as follows:

1. To elect the Slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee.
FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:
- 1A. To elect the Slate as amended by any changes approved by the membership.
FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:
2. To vote for the Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.
FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:
- 2A. To vote for the Budget as amended by any changes approved by the membership.
FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:
3. To vote for the Proposed Program Position Changes.
FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:
4. For any other matters that may come before the membership.
FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:

Name _____

Date _____

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the Proxy form to the right may be used.

Please mail to:

**LWVG (PROXY)
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Greenwich, CT 06836**

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREENWICH
2017-2018/19 SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

Listed below is the slate of officers and directors to be submitted for election for the operating year 2017- 2018. Two more members of the Nominating Committee will be appointed by the Board after its formation. **Persons to be elected this year are in bold type and their biographies begin on page 7.**

OFFICERS

Steering Committee	Jara Burnett	2017-2018
	Liz Van Caloen	2017-2018
	Claudia Carthaus	2017-2018
Vice President, Advocacy	OPEN	
Co-Vice Presidents, Program	Aya DeSimone	2017-2019
	Sheila Mehta	2017-2019
	Jill Oberlander	2017-2018*
Co-Vice Presidents, Voter Services	Jara Burnett	2017-2019
	Joanne Stavrou	2017-2018*
Secretary	Caroline Adkins	2017-2018*
Treasurer	Hillary McGuire	2017-2018*

DIRECTORS

Membership	Rita Baker	2016-2018
	Barbara O'Shea	2016-2018
Development	Michele Kinner	2017-2019
Communications	Liz van Caloen	2016-2018
Greenwich Voter Editor	Marla Laney	2017-2019
Webmaster/Constant Contact	Elise Hingson	2017-2019
Events Coordinator	Mary Ann Henry	2017-2019
Directors-at-Large	Lynn Garelick	2017-2019
	Louisa Greene	2016-2018
	Deirdre Kamlani	2017-2019
Nominating Co-Chairs	Nancy Duffy	2017-2018
	Mary Ann Henry	2017-2018

We welcome nominations for the open positions "from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured."
(Bylaws, Article VIII, Sec. 2).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Duffy and Mary Ann Henry
Co-Chairs, Nominating Committee

*These board members have extended their terms by one year.

WHO'S WHO ON THE 2017-2018 SLATE



Jara Burnett
Steering Committee 2017-2018
Co-Vice President, Voter Services
2017-2019

Born in Prague, Jara came to the U.S. via France and Canada. She attended Czech and French schools, receiving a Baccalaureate

in Modern Languages and Philosophy from the College de Nice, France. Jara received a Certificate from the Harvard Radcliffe Graduate Program in Business Administration. Other studies include participation in Masters Programs in Juvenile Justice and Government Administration at the University of New Haven. Jara became a U.S. citizen and League member in 1964 and has worked as a community volunteer since then. She has served in various capacities on state and local League boards: currently as VP-Voter Services and President, 1980-82. Jara was elected to the League state board in 1982 and served in numerous capacities including VP-Public Issues and Voter Services Chair and served as President from 2005-2010. Current League positions include serving on the LWVG Steering Committee and a co-VP-Voter Services. As a Director of the LWVCT, Jara serves as League Services and Debate Coordinator. Other community activities include past service as director of Greenwich Adult Day Care, President of the Riverside Association and past board member of The Youth Shelter. She has also served two terms on the RTM and five terms on the Board of Estimate and Taxation. Jara is married with three grown children and a retired husband. Other activities include sports, travel, reading and music.



Claudia Carthaus
Steering Committee 2017-2018

Claudia grew up in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan, lived in New York City and currently resides in Greenwich with her husband Jay. Prior to her recent career as a development professional she enjoyed a

career in public relations and corporate communications. Her passion for civic engagement has been supported as a member of the League of Women Voters of Greenwich and in her previous role on the Board as the Director of Development from 2008-2013. She was an Advisory Board member for the Greenwich Preservation Trust, and currently acts as Director of Resource Development for the Center for Adolescent Research & Education (CARE), a national nonprofit focused on positive adolescent decision making. She is proud of her education that includes a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from New York University and a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management from The New School. Claudia and Jay enjoy their animals, traveling and spending time with family and friends at their home in Vermont.



Aya DeSimone
Co-Vice President, Program 2017-2019

Aya is a long time Greenwich CT resident who like you, believes that democracy requires active participation which ultimately benefits all in our communities. Aya has over two decades of real-life, in-the

trenches corporate, investment banking and small business startup experience. She spent several years managing client and Treasury risk portfolios for multinational corporations, including Apple, and UBS Investment Bank. Most recently, Aya has redirected her energies taking an active role in local civic, nonprofit and community aspects of life. She has managed local political campaigns and has served on and cofounded local non profit boards committed to improving and accelerating gender parity policies and practices in our communities, businesses, government. She continues to apply her creativity, strategic development and leadership skills to public and private partnerships. Aya is excited by the prospect of inspiring, educating and working with local citizens, community leaders, companies and governments; empowering people across the spectrum of ages, political perspectives and socio economic spheres to improve our government and impact public policy through citizen education and advocacy.



Nancy Aborn Duffy
Nominating Co-Chair 2017-2018

Nancy is a 35-year resident of Greenwich. She earned a degree in education from Boston University, where she is currently on the Dean's Advisory Board of the College of General Studies. After college, Nancy

taught for five years in the Arlington, MA Public Schools before moving to Greenwich in 1980 with her husband, Ken. She served as President of Greenwich Newcomers and has been an active community volunteer on the Boards of the YWCA, Brunswick School and Greenwich Academy Parents Association. Currently, Nancy is a docent at the Bruce Museum and is a Director of the Round Hill Association. She works part-time at her family's business in NYC. Nancy and Ken are the parents of three adult children who live and work in the New York area. Leisure time is enjoyed pursuing travel, exercise, art and politics. Introduced to the League at a young age by her mother who was active in the organization for over 50 years, Nancy is delighted to be a member of the LWVG Board.



Lynn Garelick
Director-at-Large 2017-2019

Lynn is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley with an under graduate degree in Art History and a graduate Credential in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, Lynn taught third grade in

Berkeley CA and Minneapolis MN. In 1977 Lynn started her

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career in Interior Design. She graduated in 1978 from the New York School of Interior Design with a Credential in Residential Design. She established her company, LBG Interior Design, LLC in 2001. She is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and served as President of the CT Chapter in 2012-2013. As a resident of Greenwich CT since 1992, Lynn has taken on leadership roles in the community including Vestry Member, Historian and Property Chair at Christ Church. She also serves as Recording Secretary on the Executive Board of the Greenwich Art Council. Lynn is an Artist member of the Greenwich Pen Women. She is a docent at the Bruce Museum. Lynn has two sons, Bruce and Jeffrey who grew up in Westport CT. She is the proud grandmother of Olivia (14 years, a young ballerina) and Andrew (11 years, basketball team player). She enjoys frequent trips to Cohasset MA to stay abreast of the grandchildren's many activities.



Mary Ann Henry
Director-Events Coordinator 2017-2019
Nominating Co-Chair 2017-2018

Mary Ann Henry is a passionate volunteer who operates on a results-oriented commitment to her numerous charitable organizations. She has held many leadership roles in Greenwich including LWVG, YWCA Greenwich (focused on Domestic Abuse Services), The Red Cross, and The Avon Theatre in Stamford. She was a recipient of the YWCA Spirit of Greenwich Award in 2014. Additionally, she created *The Magazine for Greenwich Hospital* – a year-long product used for all their events instead of a one-night Journal. Mary Ann is proud to be in charge of the LWVG Annual Meeting/Dinner and the Holiday Party.



Elise Hingson
Director-Webmaster & Constant Contact
2017-2019

Elise grew up in Riverside, CT and returned to town in 2002 with her daughter Ava, currently in tenth grade at Hotchkiss. Over the years, Elise volunteered with various PTA committees both at the International School at Dundee and Eastern Middle School and is happy to help spread the word about LWVG events through the website and emails. Her pastimes are knitting, cooking and learning Bridge.



Deirdre Kamlani
Director-at-Large 2017-2019

Dr. Deirdre Kamlani is an academic researcher, policy advisor and former banking executive who has lived and worked in the US, Europe and Asia. She spent 22 years at JP Morgan where she built and led businesses in a number of areas including leveraged lending, institutional asset management, loan syndications, and credit risk policy. Dr. Kamlani completed her PhD at the London

School of Economics, and her academic research remains focused on financial crisis, sovereign default and financial regulatory reform. In addition to heading the Policy Action Network for Economics, Finance and Regulation, Dr. Kamlani has been an issues director, policy advisor, researcher and treasury manager on a number of political campaigns. She received her BA, summa cum laude, from Columbia University in Philosophy and Economics, and she earned her MSc (Hons.) and PhD from the London School of Economics. Dr. Kamlani and her husband, Suneel, moved to Greenwich in 2001.



Michele Kinner
Director-Development 2017-2019

Michele has been a Greenwich resident for almost 25 years. She is a graduate of Smith College, where she majored in Economics and Psychology. After completing her MBA at the University of New Hampshire, Michele began working in Manufacturers Hanover's corporate banking division. She spent 22 years there, leaving from what had, by that time, become JPMorgan Chase, to join the Royal Bank of Canada. During her 25-year banking career, she held senior positions in banking, leveraged finance, credit and private equity investment management. She was recruited in 2005 by Quilvest, a global family office, to manage their US private equity fund investing. Her investment and investor relations responsibilities have entailed significant worldwide travel, which has given her a broad-minded perspective of different cultures. She routinely speaks at industry events and is a member of the steering committee of PE Women's Investor Network, a peer-to-peer organization for senior women in the private equity industry. Michele is married to a retired U.S. Coast Guard officer who has just stepped down from his long-time second career, teaching at Eastern Middle School in Riverside. Michele's grown sons, Christopher and Ryan, went to local schools and now both live and work in the area.



Marla Laney
Director-Greenwich Voter Editor
2017-2019

Marla is a freelance graphic designer and has produced the *Greenwich Voter* and other promotional and educational materials for the LWVG for many years. Marla and her husband Brian have been Old Greenwich residents since 1991 and have two daughters – a video game concept artist living in southern California, and a high school civics teacher/basketball coach living in Pennsylvania.



Sheila Mehta
Director-at-Large 2016-2018

Sheila is a relative newcomer to southern Connecticut. Having moved here from Los Angeles about four years ago, she still loves the novelty of four seasons. She is a market

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2017-2018 SLATE *continued*

insights professional with experience working with the consumer packaged goods, healthcare/pharmaceutical, and media and entertainment industries, including television networks such as The CW, Starz and Comedy Central. Prior to moving to the U.S. in 2004, she was a Policy and Criminal Intelligence Analyst for the Australian Government. She has lived in four countries on three continents and currently lives with her partner Eric, at Shippan Point, Stamford. When they are not working on renovating their house and garden, they travel the world as often as possible.



Liz van Caloen
Steering Committee
2017-2018
Director–
Communications
2016-2018

A longtime Riverside

resident, Liz van Caloen recently moved to Stamford. She is a graduate of Colby College, where she majored in Asian studies. Following graduate study at Princeton, she went to Wall Street, joining Nomura Securities and earning an MBA from NYU. In 1987, Liz joined asset manager Scudder, Stevens and Clark as an investment analyst in their Tokyo office. Four years later, she returned to New York to head up Scudder's Japan Fund. In the mid-90s, Liz's duties expanded to include Pacific Basin/Asia funds. This brought a great deal of travel, from Mumbai to Seoul to Sydney. After Scudder was bought by Deutsche Asset Management, Liz was named Managing Director of that organization. She appeared frequently on television and radio, and was interviewed in *Fortune*, *BusinessWeek*, *Bloomberg* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among others. Now retired, Liz still enjoys travel; she and husband Hervé van Caloen have visited many countries. Liz's grown daughters Caroline and Jennifer live in Brooklyn; stepson Charles works in London.

LWVG 2017-2018 Budget Committee Report

Dear Members:

The Budget Committee is pleased to present the cash budgets for the League and Educational Funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In accordance with our financial goals, each budget reflects a level of cash sufficient to support the activities of the upcoming year and two years beyond. Please review the statements and direct any questions you may have to a budget committee member.

The League Fund supports the activities that fall within the League's status as a 501(c) 4 organization, primarily those related to membership and lobbying. As such, dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Your membership dues allow the Greenwich League to publish the *Greenwich Voter* newsletter, hold the holiday and new member parties, fund lobbying expenses, maintain the website, pay operating expenses, and satisfy the bulk of a local league's obligation to support activities at the state and national levels. For the upcoming year, we project a stable level of membership and plan to continue member services and traditional celebrations, like the holiday and new member parties. We also plan to roll out an updated web site. Note that, although the rate that determines the league's obligation to the national organization remains the same for 2017, the amount is so significant that it is increasingly important to maintain membership levels and collect dues on a timely basis.

The Educational Fund is a 501(c) 3 organization; monies in this fund support activities that are educational in nature and donations to the fund are tax deductible. Through your generous support of our annual appeals, the Greenwich League presents its series of monthly programs, holds candidate debates, runs voter registration drives, conducts studies of interest to our community, holds a legislative picnic, and creates publications such as the nonpartisan *Voter's Guide* to annual elections and this year's *How to Run for Greenwich Elective and Appointive Offices*. For the past several years, publishing the *Voter's Guide* and mailing it to every household in Greenwich was a major focus of the fund; last year we distributed the guide through the *Greenwich Time* and on our website. In 2018, we are again committing additional funds to programs as we plan to bring in a greater number of expert speakers and panels to discuss topics of interest to members. We hope this generates increased interest, membership and support of the organization.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Greenwich League. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Sincerely,

LWVG Budget Committee
Tina Lindstet, Chair

Hillary McGuire, Kath Burgweger, Jara Burnett

League of Women Voters of Greenwich Cash and Proposed Budget Report

Cash Balance 6/30/16	\$35,273			
	7/1/16 - 3/31/17	2017 Budget	Difference	Proposed 2018 Budget
Cash Inflows				
Annual Dinner (net):	(650)	300	(950)	500
Annual Dinner Income			-	
Annual Dinner Expenses	(650)		(650)	
Membership Dues (1)	8,908	16,450	(7,542)	18,500
Interest Inc	3	4		4
Total Cash Inflow	8,261	16,754	(8,493)	19,004
Cash Outflows				
Advocacy:				
Local/National/State Lobbying		-	-	
Supplies, Copying		25	25	25
Total Advocacy	-	25	25	25
Membership:				
Member Parties	245	365	120	250
Misc. Supplies	190	-	(190)	200
Renewal Drive	198	150	(48)	200
Join Us Brochure	185			
New Member Party		150	150	100
Total Membership	818	665	(153)	750
Operations:				
Fin. Sup. LWVCT PMP	4,859	4,991	132	4,340
Fin. Sup. LWVUS PMP	9,424	9,680	256	8,416
Convention Expenses		-	-	2500
Insurance-D&O/League	12	208	196	312
Secy of State Filing Fee		50	50	50
Secy or Treas Expense	31	20	(11)	20
Stationery	30	-	-	200
Bulk Mail	300	477	477	300
Postage/PO Box		125	125	125
Safe Deposit Box		110	110	110
Telephone	226	300	74	300
Total Operations	14,882	15,961	1,079	16,673
Pres. Stipend/Ad for Cyndy	-	150	150	100
Member Services:				
Constant Contact	330	430	130	130
Website				230
Greenwich Voter	540	975	435	950
Total Cash Outflow	16,570	18,206	1,636	18,858
Net inflow (outflow)	(8,309)	(1,452)	(6,857)	146
Chase as of 3/31/17	\$26,964			

(1) Dues exclude \$6416 in membership checks of current year received in prior year. Budgetted dues number includes approx. \$6000 for checks to be received in June for subsequent year.

League of Women Voters of Greenwich Ed. Fund Cash and Proposed Budget Report

Cash balance 6/30/16	\$20,507			
	7/1/16 - 3/31/17	2017 Budget	Difference	Proposed 2018 Budget
Cash Inflows				
Restricted Contributions/Grants		-	-	
Contributions - Unrestricted	\$ 5,045	6,000	(955)	6000
95th Anniversary (net)	2,906			
95th expenses	(4,461)			
95th income	7,367			
Interest Inc	2	-	2	
Total Cash Inflow	7,953	6,000	(953)	6,000
Cash Outflows				
Annual Appeal Exp.		300	300	300
President's Stipend		-	-	
Operations:				
LWV US PMP		-	-	
Sec. or Treas. Expense		-	-	
D & O Insurance		104	104	
Sec of State filing fee	50	50	-	50
Supplies	-	300	300	50
Charge reversed in July	(25)			
Total Operations	25	454	429	100
Program:				
Forums & Workshops	2,023	3,355	1,332	5000
Supplies, Postage	376	845	469	800
Total Program	2,399	4,200	1,801	5,800
Studies		150	150	25
Publications:				
How to Make It Happen 2018		130		130
Total Publications	-	130	130	130
Voter Services:				
Debates	62	200	138	100
Legislative Picnic		200		150
Voter's Guide	1,590	4,200	2,610	1600
Total Voter Services	1,652	4,600	2,948	1,850
Total Cash Outflow	\$ 4,076	9,834	5,758	\$8,205
Net Inflow (outflow)	3,877	(3,834)	7,711	(2,180)
Cash balance 3/31/17	\$24,384			



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